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SUBJECT: Morning Developments

Grenada

Press reports state that at least two soldiers were killed yesterday during the melee between government troops and Bishop supporters. In addition to Prime Minister Bishop, Foreign Minister Whiteman, Minister of Education Creft, and Minister of Housing Bain; Trade Unionist Vincent Noel and Fitzroy Bain, President of the Agricultural and General Workers Union, reportedly also were killed. (UPI 07, 14)

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Iran/Iraq

Both Iran and Iraq say the Iranian Army has launched an offensive in the northern border area. Iraq claims its forces have begun to halt the attack and its planes have bombed Iranian territory. Iran claims major Iraqi losses and says a guerrilla team destroyed a helicopter 18 miles inside Iraq. The US Interests Section in Baghdad reports this fighting appears to be the beginning of the offensive anticipated by Iraq since mid-September. (Emb Baghdad 2472, C; Reuter 226)

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A top Arafat aide announced today Arafat has accepted the reform proposals presented last Sunday by two radical Palestinian

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groups, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The proposals are aimed at settling the six-month-old fighting within Fatah. (FBIS 057/Kuwait KUNA)

South Korea/North Korea

President Chun, in a nationwide television address today, called the Rangoon bombing incident a North Korean provocation tantamount to a declaration of war. Chun said South Korea will retaliate militarily to another similar act by North Korea. (FBIS 34/Seoul Yonhap)

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